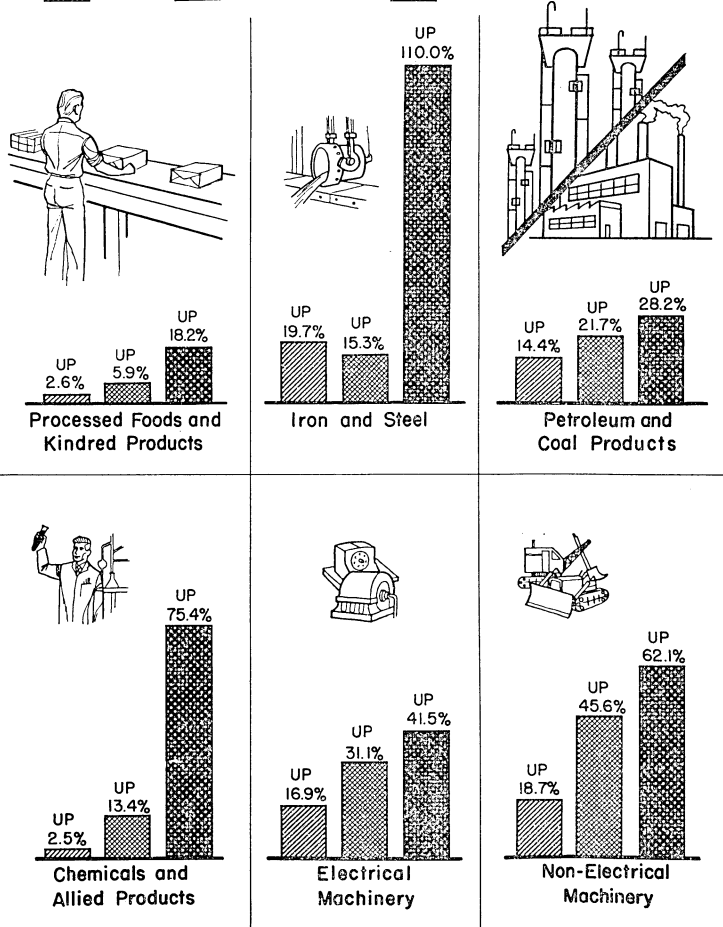


RISING PRICES, PROFITS, AND INVESTMENT BEFORE THE 1957 - 1958 RECESSION

The Investment Boom Before the 1957-1958 Recession

First Three Quarters 1955 - First Three Quarters 1957

 Prices,^{1/}
 Profits after Taxes,^{2/}
 Investment in Plant and Equipment^{3/}



^{1/} Bureau of Labor Statistics, (U.S. Dept. of Labor), Commodity Wholesale Price Indexes.

^{2/} Securities and Exchange Commission, Profit Estimates.

^{3/} Securities and Exchange Commission estimates of expenditures for plant and equipment.